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## H. Gooding Field Finds Graft Rife On the Big Island

Territorial Auditor Held to be Responsible for Many Irregularities and Lack of System—Modern Scientific Plan Is Outlined

BLANKET WARRANTS AND UNINDORSED CHECKS ARE CONSPICUOUS IN REPORT

Findings Laid Before Hawaii Probe Commission Reveals Startling Lack of Business Methods in Handling Public Funds

ALMOST \$80,000 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Investigation and Research Begun By Expert Statistician Brings to Light Unwholesome Condition That Has Covered Long Period of Years



H. Gooding Field, auditor of financial affairs, who has revealed startling condition in finances of Hawaii.

### COMMISSION SLIPS THE BUCK

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless)

HILLO, May 2.—William Williamson of the Hawaii graft probe commission stated, this morning, that the commission will not be responsible for the statements made in the report of Expert H. Gooding Field, which Williamson released yesterday.

Hearings will be had here during all of next week, according to Williamson, and the accused men will be given a chance to explain.

H. Gooding Field's report on the financial affairs of the county of Hawaii, representing an immense amount of work which covered nearly twelve months, is published in part in the Star-Bulletin today.

Graft, incompetence, apathy, a loose antiquated accounting system, leading to an easy instrument for peculations involving scores of thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money, are brought graphically to the front in this report, which was completed a fortnight ago and submitted to the Hawaii County Investigation Commission, a body created and provided for during the last session of the legislature to uncover the graft in the county, punish the offenders and devise means of better safeguarding the community's money.

Covering 350 pages, this report which is now made public reveals peculations and "irregularities" grave and more extensive, involving larger sums and covering a longer period of time, than looked for. It is, in this sense, a distinct sensation. While the prosecution of county officials has been going on for some time, and convictions obtained, it is not until now, when this report is made public, that the full scope of the "irregularities" comes to light.

Through the 350 pages one startling fact after another is met. In the beginning it is shown that the amount of the warrants issued without authorization of the board of supervisors aggregated the sum of \$78,097.84, while \$264,935.47 of warrants without any endorsement passed through the First Bank of Hilo, the sole depository of the county funds, and were redeemed by the treasurer.

Constructive Criticism. Passing from his resume of the irregularities, Mr. Field devotes many pages to constructive criticism. He brands the present accounting system as inadequate and unsafe, and offers in its stead a modern and scientific system, one calculated to prevent any such illegal manipulations as those which corrupted several of Hawaii's officials and lost to the taxpayers many scores of thousands of dollars.

He says, in one place in his report, that he has no hesitation in blaming the territorial auditor, J. H. Fisher, for the condition of things as brought to light in Hilo. It was that official's duty, he goes on to state, to carefully scrutinize the financial reports submitted to him by the county auditor, and it was also Mr. Fisher's duty to give the county a better and a more scientific accounting system.

The report, as given in part and in resume below, is sufficiently complete to speak for itself.

In the fall of 1912, Mr. Field was retained by the Hilo Board of Trade, following his investigation of the financial affairs of the city and county of Honolulu, for the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, to make a similar research into the finances of the county of Hawaii. His criticisms in this connection were constructive, and by

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## JAPANESE GIVE EXPRESSION TO FINE SENTIMENTS

In Prefecture of Miyagi, Hawaii Party Has Day of Entertainment

CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS SHOW COURTESY

Group of American Teachers and Museums Aids in Welcoming Visitors

By RILEY H. ALLEN.  
(Staff Correspondence)  
MATSUBISHI, Japan, Apr. 18.—After a busy day and a half of sight-seeing and entertainment in and around one of Japan's "three great sights," the Hawaii tourist party leaves for Tokyo at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to remain in the capital for nearly a week.

Matsushima has furnished the party with as inspiring natural scenery as any part of Nippon yet visited, and the neighboring city of Sendai has furnished an exceedingly hospitable entertainment and one that partook of the nature of an official function.

Hawaii is a name well known in Sendai, for the thousands of Japanese laborers and businessmen of the territory are Sendai men or from the prefecture Miyagi. And the men of Sendai who are in Hawaii certainly have sent back good reports of their happiness and treatment in Hawaii. For when the people of Sendai heard that the Hawaii party was to pass through their city on the way from Nikko to Matsushima they immediately laid plans to entertain us.

Sendai is half an hour's ride by rail-way from Matsushima. As we steamed down from Nikko Thursday towards Matsushima, we passed Sendai shortly before p. m. When the train drew up at the station a large delegation of Japanese businessmen was on the platform to greet us. So cordial was the invitation to include Sendai in our visit to Miyagi prefecture that we decided to change our itinerary slightly and visit Sendai on Friday afternoon. And we are now mighty glad we did.

We reached Matsushima on Thursday night and were welcomed and made comfortable at the Park hotel. As everywhere, the Hawaii party was given the best of everything to be had. The following morning, yesterday, we boarded the large hotel launch and cruised among the islands thickly dotted on the little inland sea or sound just between Matsushima and the Pacific ocean. Unfortunately the day was cloudy and the splendid views of blue and sun-swept waters, charming islets and distant snow-capped peaks were toned down by heavier grays, but even at a disadvantage Matsushima is a natural marine park.

Matsushima bay is eight miles long and seven and one-half wide and in this stretch of water are more than 300 islands, from mere rocks above water to a considerable size, and most of them wooded with small pines, cryptomerias or thickly covered with grasses and shrubs. The waters are of many and changing hues, but we of Hawaii do not find them of gorgeously brilliant greens and blues and purples that paint our surf-swept reefs. Near the fishing village of Katsurajima, where we stopped for lunch, we found also a modified surf, not comparable to that of Waikiki, but homelike with its deep roar as it breaks upon the beach. The sands of the beach are covered with beautiful

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## FURTHER PROTESTS ARE PLANNED AGAINST MAINLAND APPOINTEES

New Postmaster Proves Straw That May Break Back of the Metaphoric Camel

A strong movement is on foot by a number of Honolulu business men of the city together to pass a resolution opposing the appointment of more mainlanders to positions under the federal government here.

This movement was given a sudden impetus yesterday after the news had been received by the Star-Bulletin that William F. Young, of South Carolina, had been nominated and confirmed as postmaster at Honolulu,

## JAPANESE FROM HAWAII MAY BE BARRED IN 1915

Attorney Carl S. Carlsmith Makes Public Letter from Secretary Wilson

TERRITORIAL OFFICIALS' METHODS ARE QUESTIONED

But Little Value Placed Upon Birth Certificates Issued By Local Authorities

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
HILLO, May 1.—Will the Japanese in Hawaii be permitted to visit the Panama-Pacific Exposition next year? Attorney Carl S. Carlsmith, of Hilo, believes the majority of them will not, though at the same time the Japanese coming direct from the land of the Mikado and who acknowledge allegiance to that potentate alone, will be given the privilege, just as all Chinese are accorded the right to visit or pass through the United States.

Attorney Carlsmith has given out a letter written by Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson, under date of March 17, 1914, to a man in San Francisco, who, at the solicitation of the Japanese in Hawaii, has taken up the question with the department at Washington. In Secretary Wilson's communication the statement is made that Japanese bearing Hawaiian birth certificates cannot be admitted as American citizens to the mainland. The certificates, says Secretary Wilson, will not be accepted as prima facie evidence of their American citizenship.

He expresses lack of faith in the method pursued by territorial officials in the issuance of the certificates, even going so far as to charge that the papers have been granted on "ex parte" hearings, or hearings in which the principal party at interest was not present, and that in some instances the actual persons for whom they were issued were not in the islands at the time, but were in Japan. Secretary Wilson sets the Hawaiian birth certificate, according to the letter given out by Attorney Carlsmith this week, in the same class as the certificates issued to Chinese in California, citing the fact that the department of labor has refused to accept such documents as of more than "slight cumulative value."

Secretary Wilson's letter is printed in full below. "Answering your letter of March 2d in which you claim that a recent ruling of the bureau of immigration will prevent many persons of the Japanese race born in the Hawaiian islands from visiting the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held in San Francisco, I beg to call your attention to the following ruling in the case of Nobuchiki Ekiha. The ruling is not entirely new but is in accordance with the views which have been held by this department for some considerable time.

"As the bureau understands it, the certificate presented by Nobuchiki Ekiha did not purport to have been issued as an act contemporaneous with the fact of birth, or to have been a certified transcript of a public record, this being the usual certificate presented in this class of cases. It has been unable to find any federal statute which makes a certificate of this character, issued 'nunc pro tunc' and not on the basis of a public or official record, conclusive, or necessary.

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## Mexicans Attack U. S. Outposts Huerta's Resignation Is Expected

Situation of Administration in Mexico Believed to Be in Serious Condition

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The situation of the Mexican administration is reported here to be very serious and the resignation of Provisional President Huerta is expected momentarily in well-informed circles.

## REFUGEES FROM WEST COAST ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO

(Associated Press Cable.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—The armored cruiser West Virginia and the supply ship Glacier have arrived at this port, the latter vessel bringing 34 refugees from Mexico.

## ALIENS TO 1915 FAIR ADMITTED UNDER \$500 BOND

(Associated Press Cable.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, has instructed the expedition officials that all aliens connected with the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held in this city in 1915 will be admitted to the United States under a bond of \$500 and with the understanding that they depart within a month after their employment ceases.

## SUFFRAGISTS ASK EYE FOR AN EYE IN MURDER CASE

(Associated Press Cable.)  
CHICAGO, May 2.—Suffragists from eastern cities, gathered in Chicago, paraded the streets today, stopping frequently to make speeches in which they demanded the life of "Handsome" Jack Ketter, for the murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft.

## BORAH WOULD LET TOLLS RIDE OVER ELECTION

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, today, introduced a resolution to the effect that the Panama Canal tolls repeal controversy be put over until after the election of next November.

## NATIONAL FUNERALS FOR DEAD AT VERA CRUZ

(Associated Press Cable.)  
VERA CRUZ, Mexico, May 2.—Those meeting death during the past few weeks will be honored with national funerals when the corpses arrive in this city.

## Postmaster Young Will Sail May 20 in the Matsonia

Announces Determination to Hold Present Assistant and to Reorganize Office

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—William F. Young of South Carolina, nominated and confirmed as postmaster of Honolulu yesterday, announces that he will sail for the islands on the Matsonia, leaving San Francisco May 20.

Mr. Young states that he will retain Joseph Kubey, incumbent, as assistant postmaster but that otherwise there will be a general reorganization in the Honolulu office as soon as he has familiarized himself with local affairs.

C. S. ALBERT.

## H. W. McCLELLAND, TWICE HANGED, IS ARRIVAL AT COAST

Pineapple Grower Attacked by Bands of Mexicans, Robbed and Left for Dead

(Associated Press Cable.)  
VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 2.—H. W. McClelland, a pineapple grower, who was robbed, hanged and left for dead on two occasions, arrived in this city today.

McClelland tells a most gruesome tale of his treatment at the hands of the Mexicans as he was endeavoring to work his way towards the coast in safety.

Shortly after leaving his large pineapple plantation he was beset by a band of Mexican brigands and robbed, hanged from a tree and left for dead. He has but an indistinct recollection of his escape, but he says he was aided by a Mexican.

A second time he was waylaid and this time was hanged because he had nothing for the robbers. He succeeded in cutting himself loose on the second occasion.

## GOVERNOR HOPES TO STARVE MANY IN MEXICO CITY

(Associated Press Cable.)  
VERA CRUZ, May 2.—It is the impression of the refugees that have escaped Mexico City that the Mexican governor is attempting to starve to death all foreigners in the city.

## GARRISON ORDERS DISARMAMENT OF ALL BUT TROOPS

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison has issued orders to the federal commanders in Colorado to insist upon the disarmament of everybody in that state not connected with the federal army.

## RED CROSS SENDS \$2500 FOR HELP OF THE MEXICANS

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The American Red Cross society has forwarded \$2500 to Consul-general Philip C. Hanna at Monterey to be expended in caring for the Mexican wounded.

## ANOTHER REVOLUTION REPORTED AS UNDER WAY IN SAN DOMINGO

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Commander Graham reports a fierce engagement between the regulars and insurgents at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, and that 25 insurgents are reported to have been killed.

## FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG THE WEST COAST. SHIPPING SUSPENDED

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Rear-admiral Frank F. Howard reports continued fighting at Mazatlan and Manzanillo.

## VICKSBURG IN ACCIDENT.

(Associated Press Cable.)  
SEATTLE, Wn., May 2.—The gunboat Vicksburg blew out a boiler tube when sailing from this harbor and was compelled to put back for repairs.

## Effort to Destroy Water Works At Vera Cruz Being Made—Reinforcements Sent Out

(Associated Press Cable.)  
VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 2.—A force of Mexicans of considerable size is attacking the American outposts, about nine miles from the city, apparently with the desire of capturing the waterworks.

Reinforcements have been dispatched by train to the scene of the attack. The identity and actual size of the attacking force has not yet been reported here.

WAR DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The war department has been advised that Mexican federal troops made an unsuccessful effort to destroy the waterworks at Vera Cruz.

## COL. GARRARD FORCED OUT OF U. S. ARMY

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Colonel Joseph Garrard of the Fifteenth Cavalry, stationed at Ft. Bliss, was today forcibly retired from the United States army.

## CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CALLED IS BRYAN'S REPORT

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Secretary of State Bryan announces that the United States, Huerta and Carranza have been asked to appoint representatives for a conference.

## FEDERALS GIVEN AID, FIGHTING NOW HAS CEASED

(Associated Press Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Rear-admiral Charles J. Badger reports that the federals located in Tampico have been greatly reinforced during the past 24 hours and that fighting has ceased, temporarily.

## RUIZ NAMED NEW MEXICAN WAR MINISTER

(Associated Press Cable.)  
MEXICO CITY, May 2.—Licentiate Ruiz, under-secretary to Foreign Minister Rojas, who was reported to have resigned with his chief yesterday, has accepted the position vacated by the resignation of Rojas.

## WOMAN DRAGGED TO HER DEATH IN MEXICO CITY

(Associated Press Cable.)  
VERA CRUZ, May 2.—Refugees arriving at this port report that Clara Beckmeyer, a German widow, was dragged to death through the streets of Mexico on April 27.

## FEDERALS HAVE NOT ABANDONED SALTILLO

(Associated Press Cable.)  
CHIHUAHUA, Mex., May 2.—The report that Saltillo has been evacuated is denied. Reports reaching here which state that the federal forces are preparing for an attack around here.